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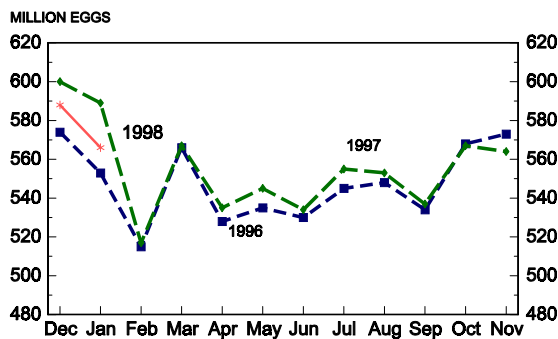
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during January totaled 566 million, 22.0 million less than last month, and 23.0 million less than last January. Average number of layers during the month totaled 25.5 million, 3 percent below January 1997. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,223, compared to 2,265 last month and 2,242 in January 1997.

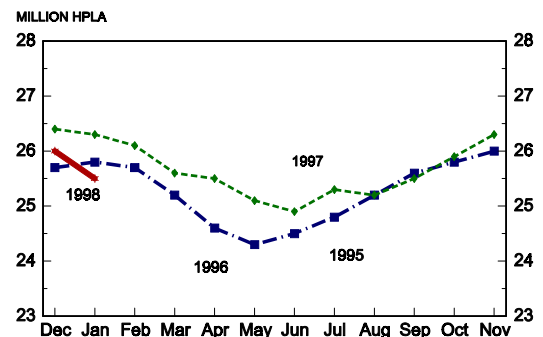
U.S. JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.74 billion during January 1998, up 2 percent from the 6.57 billion produced in 1997. Production included 5.69 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 987 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total average number of layers during January 1998 averaged 310 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during January 1997. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,171 eggs, up slightly from January 1997.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1996-1998



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF FEBRUARY 1

| State | Average Number of Layers on Hand | | Eggs Per 100 Layers | | Total Egg Production | | Layers Being Molted | | Layers With Molt Completed | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| | -- Thousands -- | | -- Number -- | | -- Millions -- | | ---- Percent ---- | | | |
| Alabama | 10,685 | 10,555 | 1,956 | 2,009 | 209 | 212 | 7.5 | 3.0 | 10.0 | 9.5 |
| Arkansas | 14,740 | 15,003 | 1,872 | 1,833 | 276 | 275 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 8.5 | 11.0 |
| California | 26,270 | 25,465 | 2,242 | 2,223 | 589 | 566 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 38.0 | 36.5 |
| Georgia | 19,689 | 20,548 | 2,052 | 2,112 | 404 | 434 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 21.5 | 17.0 |
| Indiana | 20,824 | 21,822 | 2,267 | 2,250 | 472 | 491 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 19.5 | 23.5 |
| Iowa | 20,585 | 21,658 | 2,128 | 2,226 | 438 | 482 | 8.0 | 3.5 | 31.5 | 28.5 |
| North Carolina | 12,814 | 11,456 | 1,920 | 1,894 | 246 | 217 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 11.0 | 8.5 |
| Ohio | 25,888 | 27,482 | 2,298 | 2,281 | 595 | 627 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 12.0 | 11.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 21,533 | 22,115 | 2,336 | 2,306 | 503 | 510 | 3.5 | 7.0 | 20.0 | 16.5 |
| Texas | 16,801 | 17,116 | 2,107 | 2,138 | 354 | 366 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 21.5 | 22.0 |
| United States | 304,259 | 310,382 | 2,161 | 2,171 | 6,574 | 6,737 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 21.6 | 21.0 |

1997 CALIFORNIA HPLA AND EGG PRODUCTION

| Month | Average Number of HPLA | | | Eggs Per 100 Layers | | | Total Egg Production | | |
|-------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-----------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997/1996 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997/1996 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997/1996 |
| | - Thousands - | | Percent | - Thousands - | | Percent | - Thousands - | | Percent |
| December 1/ | 25,670 | 26,421 | 103 | 2,236 | 2,271 | 102 | 574 | 600 | 105 |
| January | 25,791 | 26,270 | 102 | 2,144 | 2,242 | 105 | 553 | 589 | 107 |
| February | 25,661 | 25,956 | 101 | 2,007 | 1,992 | 99 | 515 | 517 | 100 |
| March | 25,246 | 25,478 | 101 | 2,242 | 2,222 | 99 | 566 | 566 | 100 |
| April | 24,600 | 25,474 | 104 | 2,146 | 2,100 | 98 | 528 | 535 | 101 |
| May | 24,300 | 25,096 | 103 | 2,202 | 2,172 | 99 | 535 | 545 | 102 |
| June | 24,521 | 24,926 | 102 | 2,161 | 2,142 | 99 | 530 | 534 | 101 |
| July | 24,810 | 25,255 | 102 | 2,197 | 2,198 | 100 | 545 | 555 | 102 |
| August | 25,186 | 25,235 | 100 | 2,176 | 2,191 | 101 | 548 | 553 | 101 |
| September | 25,571 | 25,516 | 100 | 2,088 | 2,105 | 101 | 534 | 537 | 101 |
| October | 25,841 | 25,881 | 100 | 2,198 | 2,191 | 100 | 568 | 567 | 100 |
| November | 26,331 | 26,091 | 99 | 2,176 | 2,165 | 99 | 573 | 565 | 99 |
| Avg./Total | 25,294 | 25,633 | 101 | 2,164 | 2,166 | 100 | 6,569 | 6,663 | 101 |

1/ December of previous year.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The January 1998 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 711 million, was up 1 percent from January of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 591 million on February 1, 1998, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.79 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 1998. This was up 6 percent from January 1997.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 37.2 million, up 12 percent from January 1997. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.9 million on February 1, 1998, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 189 thousand during January 1998. This was down 9 percent from the 208 thousand of January 1997.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

| State | 1997 | 1998 | 1998 1997 |
|--|---------------|---------|--------------|
| | - Thousands - | | Percent |
| Alabama | 92,020 | 91,027 | 99 |
| Arkansas | 108,349 | 106,893 | 99 |
| Delaware | 16,072 | 15,672 | 98 |
| Florida | 9,932 | 9,544 | 96 |
| Georgia | 106,275 | 108,521 | 102 |
| Maryland | 31,866 | 31,137 | 98 |
| Mississippi | 61,954 | 62,878 | 101 |
| North Carolina | 61,002 | 60,048 | 98 |
| Pennsylvania | 12,770 | 12,796 | 100 |
| South Carolina | 15,850 | 14,774 | 93 |
| Texas | 44,146 | 45,737 | 104 |
| Virginia | 23,807 | 23,454 | 99 |
| California, Tennessee & West Virginia | 35,248 | 37,676 | 107 |
| Washington & Oregon | 6,296 | 5,984 | 95 |
| Other States 1/ | 74,880 | 84,435 | 113 |
| UNITED STATES | 700,467 | 710,576 | 101 |

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

| State | 1997 | 1998 | 1998 1997 |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| | - Thousands - | | Percent |
| Arkansas | 603 | 825 | 137 |
| Florida | 1,078 | 1,177 | 109 |
| Georgia | 2,099 | 2,142 | 102 |
| Indiana | 7,205 | 7,467 | 104 |
| Iowa | 3,499 | 3,644 | 104 |
| Kansas | 375 | 130 | 35 |
| Minnesota | 2,173 | 1,935 | 89 |
| Missouri | 351 | 369 | 105 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,235 | 5,317 | 126 |
| Other States 1/ | 11,713 | 14,228 | 121 |
| UNITED STATES | 33,331 | 37,234 | 112 |

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, FEBRUARY 1

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type | | | Egg-Type | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1998/1997 | 1997 | 1998 | 1998/1997 |
| | - Thousands - | | Percent | - Thousands - | | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 11,933 | 12,187 | 102 | 5,819 | 5,692 | 98 |
| East North Central | 7,178 | 7,426 | 103 | 8,984 | 8,665 | 96 |
| West North Central | 21,892 | 21,795 | 100 | 5,627 | 6,149 | 109 |
| South Atlantic | 222,548 | 223,638 | 100 | 4,511 | 4,106 | 91 |
| South Central | 290,040 | 304,098 | 105 | 3,500 | 3,801 | 109 |
| West | 22,120 | 21,693 | 98 | 3,360 | 4,479 | 133 |
| UNITED STATES | 575,711 | 590,837 | 103 | 31,801 | 32,892 | 103 |

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average January prices received by California producers, when compared to December average prices, decreased 0.2 cent for broilers and 2.8 cents per dozen for market eggs. Prices for turkeys decreased 1.0 cent from last month.

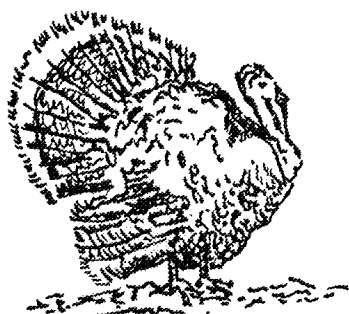
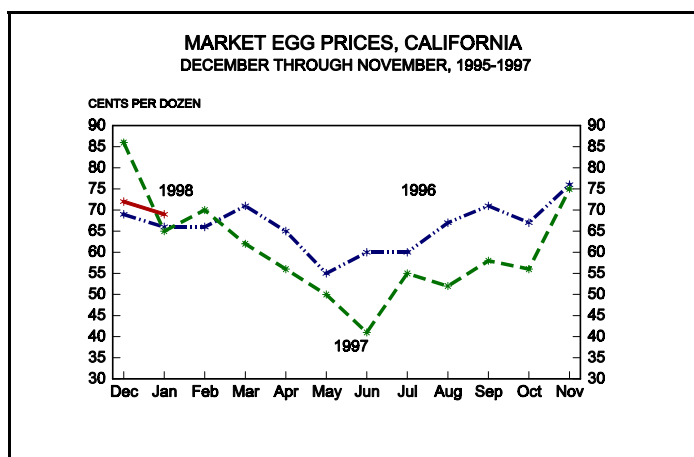
Nationally, the January average prices received by producers increased 1.0 cent per pound for broilers. Prices for market eggs decreased 5.5 cents per dozen and 3.1 cents per pound for turkeys.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

| Commodity | Unit | January 1997 | Dec. 15, 1997 | Jan. 15, 1998 |
|----------------------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| --- Cents --- | | | | |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers | Lb. | 40.00 | 35.50 | 35.30 |
| Market Eggs 2/ | Doz. | 65.00 | 72.00 | 69.20 |
| Turkeys | Lb. | 45.00 | 42.00 | 41.00 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers | Lb. | 40.40 | 32.10 | 33.10 |
| Market Eggs 2/ | Doz. | 65.80 | 68.00 | 62.50 |
| Turkeys | Lb. | 38.60 | 38.60 | 35.50 |

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

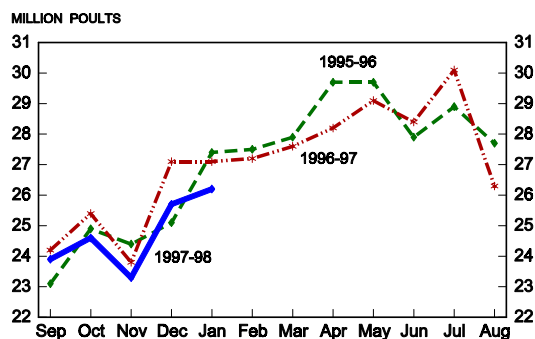
Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 1998 in the United States totaled 32.9 million, down 8 percent from February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the January 1 total of 32.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 8 percent; W N Central, down 13 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 1 percent; S Central, down 6 percent; West, down 16 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

| Geographic Division | Eggs in Incubators Feb. 1 | | 1998 1997 | Poult Placed during Jan. 1/ | | 1998 1997 |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| | 1997 | 1998 | | 1997 | 1998 | |
| | - Thousands - | | Pct. | - Thousands - | | Pct. |
| E N Central | 4,970 | 4,591 | 92 | 3,806 | 3,437 | 90 |
| W N Central | 10,856 | 9,427 | 87 | 7,586 | 7,885 | 104 |
| N. & S. Atlantic | 11,825 | 11,730 | 99 | 9,690 | 9,113 | 94 |
| S. Central | 4,296 | 4,023 | 94 | 3,310 | 3,421 | 103 |
| West | 3,736 | 3,155 | 84 | 2,729 | 2,346 | 86 |
| U.S. | 35,683 | 32,926 | 92 | 27,121 | 26,202 | 97 |

1/ Excludes exported poult.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 1995-1998



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

| Month | Total All Breeds | | 97-98 96-97 | Cumulative Total | | 97-98 96-97 |
|---------|------------------|---------|-------------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | |
| | - Thousands - | | Percent | - Thousands - | | Percent |
| Sept. | 24,154 | 23,907 | 99 | 24,154 | 23,907 | 99 |
| Oct. | 25,354 | 24,587 | 97 | 49,508 | 48,494 | 98 |
| Nov. | 23,830 | 23,281 | 98 | 73,338 | 71,775 | 98 |
| Dec. 2/ | 27,119 | 25,711 | 95 | 100,457 | 97,486 | 97 |
| Jan. | 27,121 | 26,202 | 97 | 127,578 | 123,688 | 97 |
| Feb. | 27,145 | | | 154,723 | | |
| Mar. | 27,610 | | | 182,333 | | |
| Apr. | 28,220 | | | 210,553 | | |
| May | 29,111 | | | 239,664 | | |
| June | 28,381 | | | 268,045 | | |
| July | 30,092 | | | 298,137 | | |
| Aug. | 26,321 | | | 324,458 | | |

1/ Excludes exported poult. 2/ Revised 1997-98 total all breeds data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

| Commodity | Unit | January 31, 1997 | December 31, 1997 ^{a/} | January 31, 1998 | Jan. 1998 Jan. 1997 | Jan. 1998 Dec. 1997 |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| PACIFIC COAST | | ---- Thousands ---- | | | -- Percent -- | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 44,259 | 59,711 | 70,869 | 160 | 119 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 37,883 | 41,035 | 41,797 | 110 | 102 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 301 | 304 | 572 | 190 | 188 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 82,443 | 101,050 | 113,238 | 137 | 112 |
| Eggs, Frozen | Lbs. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 401,045 | 415,053 | 496,721 | 124 | 120 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 627,182 | 614,252 | 614,848 | 91 | 100 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 1,773 | 1,864 | 2,286 | 129 | 123 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 1,080,000 | 1,031,169 | 1,113,855 | 103 | 108 |
| Eggs, Frozen | Lbs. | 11,023 | 9,749 | 12,269 | 111 | 126 |

^{a/} Revised.



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